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Daily shipments of empty card-board buckets from Camp Schwarzenborg to the Obaro Bahnhof (upper railway station) of Object No 54 at Annaberg-Buchholz were observed between 10 June and 10 July 1956. The card-board buckets were shipped on truck [redacted], which three times a day carried about 1,000 buckets, or when towing a trailer took twice a day each 1,500 buckets. The card-board buckets had a grey-yellow color and were approximately 330 mm high and 230 mm in diameter. No shipments were made on Sundays and during night time.

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1. Object 52 of SDAG Wismut at Bruenlasberg has a work force of Soviet soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and Soviet civilian engineers. Work is being done in two shifts of 80 to 90 men each, from 0800 to 1400 and from 1400 to 2000. Administrative and technical function are exercised by Soviet civilian engineers. No German laborers were lately observed in the object.

2. Between 1500 and 1830 on 18 July 1956, the following trucks were observed arriving in the object Mine 99:

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1. [redacted] each truck carrying 3 mine cars with ore;
one convoy of 4 trucks [redacted] and one convoy of 4 trucks with object designation [redacted], each truck carrying 80 to 90 boxes with ore;
and one convoy consisting of:

Number
of Trucks

Load

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1
1
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1
1

80 boxes with ore
nine cars with ore
80 boxes with ore
3 mine cars with ore

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3. Between 1530 and 1800 on 19 July 1956, [redacted] and 4 trucks [redacted], each truck carrying 80 to 90 boxes with ore, were observed arriving at the object.

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4. The arrival of shipments observed between 1700 and 1845 on 20 July 1956, included 5 trucks [redacted] and 1 truck [redacted], each truck carrying 80 to 90 boxes with ore.

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Lengenfeld and Object 52 at Brummlasberg

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1. Prior to January 1956, columns of 7 to 8 trucks loaded with boxes were observed daily on the road Rodewisch - Wernesgruen - Schneeberg, between 0900 and 1100 and after 1500. The boxes presumably contained Rich ore which was shipped from the area of Object 6 to a place between Schneeberg and Aue.
2. Prior to 21 January 1956, two or three canvas-covered Soviet trucks loaded with card-board barrels regularly went from Object Brummlasberg to a Rich-ore loading point at the Aue railroad station.
3. Columns of 5 to 8 trucks were regularly observed moving from the direction of Lengenfeld to the direction of Schneeberg. The place of destination of these trucks could not be determined.

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1. ~~Confidential~~ Shipments of boxed ore from Object 6 into the direction of Schneeberg - Brummlasberg were probably due to the closing-down of the loading point at the Auerbach railroad station. These shipments were confirmed by a previous report stating that trucks [redacted] had been observed at Object 52 in Brummlasberg.
2. ~~Confidential~~ Shipments from Lengenfeld into the direction of Schneeberg probably contained concentrates from Object 31 shipped to the loading station of the Aue railroad station.

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A new boilerhouse, twice as large as the old boilerhouse, was built at Object 96 at Freital. Except for the installation of windows and doors it was completed in May 1956. The new building houses a large modern boiler plant with automatic coal feeders. The furnace house which was closed down in 1952 was improved in the spring of 1956. The old coal drying ovens were dismantled and were being replaced by electric drying ovens prior to 17 May 1956. Production is to be increased after the completion of the boiler house and furnace house, and concentrates will be delivered again in a dry condition as was the case prior to 1952.

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SUBJECT Uranium Ore Mining Act
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Schachtkombinat 241 Schnockenstein

1. Prior to December 1955, the Kombinat included the following shafts: No 241, 244, 252, 343 and 344; the last named was bricked up.
2. The material mined was pitchblende and uranium ochre. It was classified into boxed ore comprising compressed and grade-III ore, and into active material comprising grade-II and grade-I ore, grade-I being the lowest grade quality.
3. Prior to December 1955, the planned quantity of ore to be mined per month in the entire Kombinat included 3,000 to 3,500 boxes of grade-III ore and about 300 boxes of compressed ore. This plan was fulfilled by 100 to 115 % on the average. During the same time, about 50 loads of active material were shipped away in 3-ton tippers in three shifts.

Schachtkombinat 277 at Zehden

4. Shafts 277, 294, 320 and 362 were known to be located there.
5. Pitchblende and uranium ochre were mined. The classification of the ore was the same as that of Kombinat 241.

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6. Prior to September 1955, about 320 to 360 boxes of compressed ore and grade-III ore were daily shipped. The target figure for July was 3,200 boxes.

No statements could be made on the quantity of active material mined.

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